

## THE EVENING CRITIC.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1868.

AMUSEMENTS TO-NIGHT.  
SUMMER THEATRE—Variety.  
DRIVER'S SUMMER GARDEN—Concert.  
ARNER'S SUMMER GARDEN—Concert.

## Weather Indications.

For New England and the Middle Atlantic States, fair weather, wind mostly southwesterly, stationary temperature and pressure.

## Special Weather Bulletin.

The special weather bulletin issued from the Signal Office to-day says: Fair weather is indicated for Saturday in New England.

## The Critic in Georgetown.

Copies of THE EVENING CRITIC may be had, and subscriptions left at E. K. Lundy's book and stationery store, 128 Bridge street, Georgetown.

## PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS.

About People and Things in Washington.

SEE THIRD PAGE for interesting local.

TWENTY-SIX DOGS were impounded to-day.

A GOOD bill and good company at the Comique to-night.

THE J. W. THOMPSON runs daily to Lower Cedar Point.

FORTY-FIVE arrests were made during the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m.

STREET LAMPS will be lighted at 11:15 o'clock and extinguished at 3:45 o'clock a. m.

THE Oldest Inhabitants' Association of this city have elected Dr. John B. Blake president.

ARNER'S garden on E street, is always attractive and inviting. It is especially so these hot nights.

THE CRITIC yesterday bristled all over with news, and it is to-day the newest paper in Washington.

MRS. ELLS, who attempted suicide by shooting herself some time ago, is reported to be recovering rapidly.

HON. JOHN R. THOMAS, of Illinois, is on a short visit to the city, and was among the callers at the White House to-day.

WM. LEE put an extensive head on Chas. W. Riggs and was fined \$20 or sixty days in the Police Court this morning.

GEO. W. DRIVER is a real benefactor to furnish such a cool place as his summer garden these sweltering days and nights.

THE EXCURSION will make another select excursion to Piney Point Sunday. The boat leaves at 9 a. m., and returns at 11 p. m.

THE large guy post in the White House grounds, used in the work on the new State Department building, has been removed.

THE MRS. POMEROY, of Baltimore, who have been on a visit to Justice of the Peace Walter for some weeks, leave this afternoon for home.

MISS KATE LEMON, one of our North Washington belles, left yesterday for a few weeks' sojourn in the vicinity of Hagerstown, Md.

A BROWN HOUSE belonging to Jacob Carington strayed from its stable yesterday afternoon and was taken to the Sixth Precinct station.

THE thermometer at noon to-day registered 95° in the shade at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue, and 99° at Four-and-a-half street and Pennsylvania avenue.

THE FAVORITE steamer Lady of the Lake, with the genial Capt. Baldwin in command, will make her regular trip to Norfolk, Fort Monroe and river landings this evening.

MR. BERT BURN, of this city, who has been suffering from a severe illness, is considerably recovered and able to be out. He will leave with his family for Front Royal to-day or to-morrow.

THE condition of the roadway at New York avenue and Fifth street and down Fifth street is in a most disgraceful condition—full of dangerous holes created by the man-holes and sewer-tops.

THE FIRE ALARM from box 62 this morning was caused by a fire in the two-story frame house of Mrs. Ann Wilson. The fire was started by sparks from the chimney, and the damage was about \$50.

JESSIE MCCOY, who was arrested last night for being drunk and disorderly, was referred to the sanitary officer by Judge Bundy this morning, the Judge thinking her insane. She was afterward conveyed to St. Elizabeth's.

MR. V. T. ELLIOTT, the popular clerk of Noah Walker &amp; Co., left yesterday for the seaside, where he hopes to recuperate his health. His many friends will be pleased to know that he will return by the 1st of September ready for the fall trade.

EDWARD FREEMAN was a witness of the railroad accident described in yesterday's CRITIC by which George Yelast lost his left foot. When Yelast fell from the car, Freeman was so horrified he fell in a fit, from which he did not recover until after he had been carried to his home on N. street, near Twenty-first northwest.

IN THE FEDERAL CITY the telegraph pole nuisance has been circumnavigated at last, the District Commissioners requiring telegraph and telephone companies to lay their wires underground. Here is a chance for employment for some of the dilapidated office-seekers in Washington. Their main claim to preferment is skill in laying wires.—Baltimore American.

IT IS WITH DEEP regret that we announce the death of Miss Emily Frances Callahan, daughter of Mr. Dennis Callahan, draughtsman in the Engineer's Bureau of the War Department, aged 16 years and 6 months. The deceased was a young lady of rare personal beauty and attainments, and was beloved by all who knew her for her grace of manner and graciousness of disposition. To her bereaved family the tenderest sentiment of sympathy is extended.

DEATH FROM AN OVERDOSE OF OPIUM.

Another death from the effects of an overdose of poison, ignorantly administered, is recorded. Mrs. Kate Thomas, residing at No. 606 Tenth street northwest, for the several weeks past has suffered from an abscess. Her sufferings were of such a painful character yesterday afternoon that she procured some opium to relieve her pain. She administered the drug herself, and took an overdose. She was very soon unconscious, and her attendants becoming frightened sent for Drs. Walter and Buckley, but too late for the poison had already done its work, and the unfortunate woman, after lingering five or six hours, breathed her last. The coroner was notified this morning, and after learning the circumstances connected with the death of the woman deemed an inquest unnecessary, and gave a certificate of accidental death from an overdose of poison.

DECEASED was a native of Anderson, S. C., but for the past fifteen years has been a resident of this city. She was very well connected in the South. Gen. Chalmers, Representative in Congress from Mississippi, being one of her brothers-in-law.

A CANDIDATE for the Penitentiary.

Lieut. Arnold last night arrested a suspicious colored boy named Henry Brooks. When taken to the station-house the boy resembled a "stuffed Paddy," and upon investigation it was found that he had on two suits of clothes, one of them, in all probability, having been stolen. The young candidate for the penitentiary was taken to Bell's this morning, and his handsome mug photographed for use in the rogues' gallery.

HOT WEATHER.

Clothing far below value to make room for fall stock. Miscellaneous, 7th and E. sts.

## THE PRESIDENT.

## A General Improvement in His Condition Reported.

The substantial evidences of improvement in the condition of the President as disclosed in the official bulletins are that he takes more nourishment, sleeps naturally, bears the dressing of his wound without fatigue and maintains a cheerful and hopeful spirit. The President passed the day yesterday comfortably, and at midnight was better than at any time heretofore. The afternoon fever subsided early in the evening, and in view of the patient's quiet and favorable condition, it was decided to omit the usual hypodermic injection of sulphate of morphia and see if sleep would come without it. The result justified expectations, and the patient slept quietly and naturally without fever or other unfavorable symptoms, and with every prospect of continued improvement.

There was received at the White House yesterday afternoon a silver and gold work-box from the Scottish Rite Order of Masons of Cincinnati as a present to the President and Mrs. Garfield. It was very handsome, the box being made in the shape of an ark, elaborately carved.

Secretary Blaine has telegraphed from Washington to Consul-General Smith, at Montreal, for the Secretary of the Order of Masons of Cincinnati as a present to the President and Mrs. Garfield. It was very handsome, the box being made in the shape of an ark, elaborately carved.

The Best Bulletin Yet is becoming a somewhat monotonous expression in speaking of the President's condition, but it will have to be used again in connection with this morning's bulletin, which undoubtedly indicates a better condition of things than at any previous time. It shows that he passed a good night without the use of opiates, and that his pulse was lower, his temperature less and his respiration slower.

This Morning's Bulletin.

The regular bulletin issued this morning was as follows:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Aug. 5.—8:30 a. m.—The President slept naturally the greater part of the night, although he has taken no morphia during the last twenty-four hours. His improved condition warranted, several days ago, a diminution in the quantity of morphia administered hypodermically at bed-time, and it was reduced at first to one-half and afterwards to one-sixteenth of a grain in the twenty-four hours, without any consequent unpleasant result, and finally has been altogether dispensed with. His condition this morning exhibits continued improvement, and another good day is anticipated. At present his pulse is 85, temperature 98.4, respiration 15.

Feeling Safer.

At noon the President was resting quietly with scarcely any change in his condition as regards pulse, temperature and respiration, since the morning bulletin. A gentleman who saw the President to-day for the first time for the last ten days, reports his appearance as decidedly better, and says that there is nothing in his face to indicate any excessive loss of flesh. He would not believe that the President had lost anything like fifty pounds until it was proved by weighing.

Jennings's Cooling Apparatus.

at the White House was in operation to-day, and while everybody else in the city was sweltering from the excessive heat, the President was comfortable.

The atmosphere there was getting too cold, and the machine must reduce its rate of speed. The use of the large ice-box arrangements, made at the request of Prof. Powell, has been discontinued entirely, so that much less ice is required than formerly, and the visits of the great lumbering ice carts have become less frequent, and the consequent dampness and annoyance materially lessened. It took eight tons of ice a day to feed Powell's machine, while the one now in use does not require over half a ton.

What He Eats.

The President's meals have not varied much. Breakfast is the only meal that amounts to anything with him. He takes it after the morning dressing, between 10 and 11 o'clock. This morning he had a piece of beefsteak, potatoes boiled in milk, part of a luscious peach and a cup of tea. He enjoyed his meal very much and appeared to particularly relish the peach. As the President is beginning to show a desire for fresh fruit the thought suggests itself that people who are really interested in his improvement, instead of sending patent beds, gratuitous advice and such things, should send a box of fresh fruit, which would undoubtedly prove very welcome just now.

2:30 P. M.

Dr. Bliss states that the President is doing as well this afternoon as any good wind. The pulse at 12:30 p. m., was 96; temperature and respiration, normal. Up to this hour there are no unfavorable indications.

The Washington Cadets Exonerated.

On the trip of the Washington Cadets, of this city, last Saturday, to Richmond, there was somewhat of a trouble at Alexandria, K street northwest, where the train was held. On the return of the Cadets, and on their arrival at Alexandria, Sergeant James A. Perry, of the Cadets, was taken from the train on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He was carried before Mayor Beckman, and the mayor decided in favor of the Cadets, and the refunding back the money paid by the excursionists. It was a train crowded with the elite of the colored people of this city and the trouble referred to occurred purely through mismanagement on the part of the railroad authorities.

Burglary.

Two unknown burglars entered the stationery store of M. E. Boardman, on Fifteenth street, through an alley in the rear, last night. The thieves crossed the wide area by means of a rope and forced the bars that protected the windows. Near \$800 worth of gold pens, pensholders, penholders etc. were stolen, and the thieves escaped without leaving any clue which might lead to their arrest.

Transfers of Real Estate.

Lewis Jennings, to Charles S. Minor, lot 60, sub. square 933, \$7,400. Walt T. Huntington, to Louise Jennings and Mary C. Keeler, lot 59, in sub. of lot 31, in square 1026.

Got Out on Bail.

Benjamin Murray, indicted with William Allen for burglary and larceny, were before Judge Hagner in the Criminal Court to-day, and Murray was admitted to bail in the sum of \$500, with John and Lucy Bailey as sureties. William Allen could not give the sureties and was again committed to jail.

The Fire Record for July.

The New York Commercial Bulletin publishes a list of 153 fires during the month of July in the United States where the loss exceeded \$100,000, by which \$8,500,000 worth of property was destroyed, upon which there was \$3,400,000 insurance. Add to this sum the property destroyed by fires from which the loss was less than \$100,000, and the loss for the month, according to the Bulletin's estimate, cannot be much short of \$8,500,000. Upon this basis the month of July, 1881, was the "warmest" for the fire insurance companies of any since 1866, the year of the great Portland fire. The Bulletin says that it is useless to moralize on these facts, which indicate not only a wild waste of property but a progressive recklessness on the part of our people. An annual waste of \$100,000,000 by needless fires ought to make people more careful than they are.

It is stated in London that two of Lord Beaconsfield's manuscript novels were purchased for the Queen.

## DEFENSES OF WASHINGTON.

## Annual Report of Col. Craighill.

Lieut. Col. Wm. E. Craighill, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., in his last annual report for the year ending June 30, last, says of Fort Washington, on the Potomac River: "This fort occupies a very important position on the outer line of defense of the cities of Alexandria, Washington, Georgetown, and the interests connected therewith. The importance of this site has been fully set forth in previous annual reports. The casemated fort commenced in 1816 is of very little value, and the new earthen batteries, which have been devised in accordance with the latest ideas of defensive arrangement, have been barely begun. There has been no specific appropriation for this place since that for the fiscal year 1873-74. The unfinished work is constantly suffering deterioration. Attention is again earnestly asked to the need of continuing and finishing the new batteries. No repairs have been made during the year. No appropriation having been made, no work was done at this fortification during the last fiscal year beyond its protection, preservation and repair as far as was possible with the general appropriation made for this purpose, and no other work is contemplated as long as the same reason. Appropriation asked for next fiscal year, \$50,000." Col. Craighill reports as follows in regard to Fort Foote, on the Potomac River: "This earthen work, commenced in 1862, is on the inner line of defense of the channel of approach by water to Alexandria and Washington, Georgetown, and the interests connected therewith. The site is commanding and very favorable. Projects for the modification of this fort and for an additional battery for the use of the heaviest modern guns have been prepared by the Board of Engineers for fortifications. They were partially erected with the view of appropriations, the last of which was for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874. Attention is again urged to the fact that the fort in its present unfinished condition is daily becoming much deteriorated. The modification of the work should be resumed and completed as soon as possible, so that the past fiscal year but little could be done for want of funds. For the more economical and satisfactory supervision of the property one small detached shed was taken down and another put up in a more convenient place, the new shed being built chiefly from the material of the old shed, the old shed being removed to the new. Several new box drains have been put in on the sides and under the roadway leading from the wharf to the plateau upon which the fort stands. The drainage of the ditch of the fort has also been improved by putting in a box drain down to the addition of a new ditch, and by excavating the washing and caving of the slope. No appropriation having been made, no work was done at this fortification during the last fiscal year beyond its protection, preservation, and repair as far as was possible with the general appropriation made for this purpose, and no other work is contemplated as long as the same reason. Appropriation asked for next fiscal year, \$50,000."

Col. Craighill also says that the material pertaining to these obstructions of the Potomac has continued in store at Fort Foote in charge of a watchman.

The material of the old shed is being placed during the current fiscal year for the same reason. Appropriation asked for next fiscal year, \$50,000.

District Government Notes.

—James Fitzpatrick, C. W. Milbourne, and B. F. Hillyard were licensed as produce dealers to-day.

—Bids for the erection of the two new school buildings in the second division will be opened on the 13th instant.

—Dr. Joseph Taber Johnson took out a permit to-day for adding two bay-windows to his mansion, on New York avenue, to cost \$900.

—Thomas Geary, hackdriver, and John Fitzpatrick and John Burns, wholesale liquor dealers, took out licenses this afternoon.

—The filthy condition of Thirty-fourth street (Georgetown), between N and O, is complained of by the residents in the neighborhood.

—Bids for laying a concrete and brick floor in the basement of the south wing of the District warehouse will be opened at noon on the 10th inst.

—James Fraser received a permit to-day for building a new brick dwelling house on Virginia avenue southwest, near Tenth street, which will cost \$8,000.

—The tax-lien certificates against streets having been all issued, the last on today, the work will stop until September, when the alleys will be taken up.

—To-morrow morning at 9 o'clock is the time fixed for the examination of the Metropolitan Methodist Church steeple by the Building Inspector and Mr. Charles Walker.

—Complaints of the condition in which K street northwest has been left by the contractors who have been repairing the sewers were received by the Commissioners to-day.

—The Pound Master replied to-day to complaints of the noise made by unlicensed dogs on the island, that he is using all means in his power to relieve the citizens of the nuisance.

—The papers in the case of the alley in square 510 were referred to John J. Knox by the Commissioners to-day, for his decision as to whether payment for land condemned should be made by the District.

—The letter of Mr. Pugh on behalf of the residents in the neighborhood of the asphalt works, noticed in THE CRITIC yesterday, has been referred for consideration to the Engineer Commissioner.

—Mr. A. J. Biedler was granted a permit to-day for building two large three-story brick warehouses on C street northwest, between Ninth and Tenth streets, to cost \$8,000, on which work is to commence immediately.

—The Health Officer reported to-day to the Commissioners a number of nuisances, to which the attention of the District officers should be called. The list includes two sewer-traps, half a dozen rat holes, several drains, and pronounces the corner of Ninth and N streets southeast to be filthy and unhealthy.

—Tax-lens were issued as follows to-day: Washington street, from Fourth to Fifth west; Tenth street west, from D to Water; North Carolina avenue and New Jersey avenue, to Eleventh street east; South Carolina avenue, from New Jersey avenue to Eighth street east; Ninth street west, from D south to Water.

Our Own.

Boston Journal.

When joyous silver-throated bird, Bright buds of hope lay on our hearts, As day grew in the sky.

And oh, we thought the bird was ours To carol all day long; We dreamed not that in other lands They waited for its song.

How should we see at flood of joy The waves turn back again— How should we know at height of bliss The heart's dull throbs of pain!

Oh, song of songs, that filled our hearts With love's divinest strain— From the farthest part of pain— Comes back the sweet refrain:

The mist of tears is on our eyes, We see not through the gloom— Break not! break not! oh, hearts of ours, The buds of hope will bloom!

And off, far off, beyond the years, Beyond the woe and pain, Our own sweet, silver-throated bird Will sing for us again.

## GEORGETOWN AFFAIRS.

## Coal On the Way.

Twenty boats, carrying 2,305.04 tons, left Georgetown Thursday with coal for the Cumberland companies, as follows: Consolidation Company, 927 tons; Borden Company, 464.15 tons; New Central Company, 229 tons; Maryland Company, 231 tons; Blaine Avon Company, 120.04 tons.

## Body Recovered.

About 5 o'clock this morning Charles Burrow discovered floating in the Potomac river, opposite the point of Annapolis, the body of Albert Henry Brodt, aged 6 years, son of Orlando Brodt, residing at No. 1033 Thirty-first street, who was drowned on the 2d of the month at Potomac landing, about one mile above Georgetown. The body was taken to Burrow's undertaking establishment, and the coroner afterward viewed the body and gave a certificate of burial.

## Wheat.

Boat J. T. Dandup arrived to-day with a load of wheat for Harry Bros.

## Personal.

Mrs. Dr. Bowie Tyler leaves here in a day or two for the White Sulphur Springs.

## How They Get Their Whisky.

When the local option law first went into effect in Montgomery County, Md., it was feared that it would work great hardships to the noble army of fishermen who can be seen daily wending their way to the Great Falls. Now, it is a well-known fact that it is absolutely impossible for a man to "go a schin" without the traditional black bottle. Not that the black bottle is used for bait, but it is handy to have around in case of sea-sickness. Upon the arrival of fishing parties at the Falls in these days of local option they are informed that they can have a fishing-line, already in the water and having a prize on the end of it, for from ten to fifty cents. The fisherman with fear and trembling approaches the line, and gently and slowly pulls it from the water, and lo! and behold, a bottle of beer or whisky is attached to the end of the string.

## ALEXANDRIA AFFAIRS.

Sweet potatoes have made their appearance in the market.

Mr. S. G. Brent is spending a few days at Culpeper Court House.

Reuben Washington, for stealing railroad ties, received twenty lashes.

Mr. Peyton Randolph left this city yesterday for the Warm Springs.

John Robinson's circus is billed for this city on the 23d of this month.

Major John W. Green and family are summering at Old Point Comfort.

Judge A. W. Chilton is at the Warm Springs, much improved in health.

The nomination of Hon. John W. Daniel seems to give entire satisfaction in this city.

James E. Henderson esq., who has been recreating at the White Sulphur Springs, returned yesterday.

John Washington was before the mayor this morning for an assault on Milton Payne (colored) and fined \$20.

Your correspondent this morning visited the site of the new iron works, where he found a number of experienced masons and mechanics busily engaged in erecting the furnaces and machines necessary for the works. He was also informed that the company would undoubtedly be ready to commence the manufacture of iron by the new process within three weeks from date.

## THE COURTS.

Equity Court.—To-day—Stewart vs. Lord, order pro confesso. Dowman vs. Keys, pro confesso to E. Kelly, R. Abraham and D. Hayden. Thompson vs. District Commissioners; motion that plaintiff give bond for prosecution of suit ordered.

Probate Court.—In re estate of Charles Gordon; order appointing T. E. Wagman administrator; bond, \$5,000. Estate of Walter Evans; Elphozo Youngs appointed administrator; bond, \$4,800. Will of Sarah E. Lightfoot; admitted to probate and record. Estate of Mary E. Hamsey; order given to Kittle Keys to sell certain property.

## FINANCIAL.

## Today's Stock Quotations.

The following observations of the transactions in the financial market to-day, together with opening and closing quotations, are furnished by the house of H. D. Cooke, Jr., &amp; Co., 1429 F street, Washington, D. C.:

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## JAMES' MARE'S NEST.

## The Latest Discovery of the Postmaster-General Does Not Pan Out Well.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 5.—Alfred Wigle, postmaster at Windsor, Ontario, was interviewed by an Evening News reporter, and denies the report that an effort was made to conceal United States mail bags in his office. He had ordered 200 from Ottawa, and, pending their arrival, was using several United States mail bags, in accordance with a usage that had prevailed on both sides of the border. There was no occasion for concealment and none attempted. There were only twelve United States sacks in his possession at the time.

## THE UNHAPPY CAZAR.

## His Life Imperilled at Every Step—Nihilists in His Bed-Chamber.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 5.—Despite the watchful precautions that have been taken it has been again made startlingly certain that